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SUBJECT: ARGENTINE REACTION TO SHACKLETON'S ECONOMIC SURVEY
OF MALVINAS (FALKLAND) ISLANDS

REF: LONDON 12047

1. SHACKLETON REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED WITH COOL RESERVE BY BOTH GOA AND PRESS. ON JULY 21 FONMINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT THAT "IT HAD NO COMMENT FOR THE MOMENT ON SHACKLETON REPORT". WITH REGARD TO "HYPOTHETICAL COOPERATION" BETWEEN ARGENTINA AND THE UK IN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THE ISLANDS, IT REPEATED THE WELL-KNOWN POSITION OF THE GOA THAT RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE OVER SOVEREIGNTY IS THE ESSENTIAL MATTER." PRESS LIMITED ITSELF TO THE FONMINISTRY STATMENT AND WIRE SERVICE REPORTS FROM THE UK.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED GOA REACTION TO REPORT WITH OFFICIALS OF FONMINISTRY'S OFFICE OF ANTARCTIC AND MALVINAS AFFAIRS. THEY INSISTED THAT SHACKLETON REPORT IS NOTHING MORE THAN COMPILATION OF "28 PREVIOUS STUDIES" AND ADDS NOTHING TO NEW TO SITUATION. THEY SHIFTED INTO VIRTUAL LITANY IN RECITING GRIEVANCE OF ARGENTINA OVER ACT OF BRITISH AGGRESSION IN 1833,
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AND DETERMINATION THAT GOA WILL ONLY DISCUSS RESOLUTION OF

SOVEREIGNTY QUESTION WITH UK. EVEN INTERVENTION IN 1831 OF
U.S.S. LEXINGTON WAS RAISED IN ACCUSATORY TERMS.
THEY BRUSHED ASIDE SUGGESTION
THAT PERHAPS UK WISHED TO DEVELOP
FURTHER THE ISLANDERS' CONTACTS WITH ARGENTINA, AS BEGUN
WITH THE COMMUNICATIONS AGREEMENT OF 1971. UK EMBASSY HERE
(WHICH HAS FULL-TIME OFFICER ON MALVINAS/FALKLANDS MATTER)
CONTINUES TO INDICATE UK'S PROBABLE WILLINGNESS TO SEE ISLANDS
TRANSFERRED TO ARGENTINA IF RPT IF AGREEMENT OF ISLANDERS
COULD BE SECURED. GOA REGARDS WISHES OF ISLANDERS AS IRRELEVANT.

3. COMMENT. MALVINAS/FALKLANDS DISPUTE IS EMOTIONAL MATTER
WITH ARGENTINES, ONE IN WHICH NATIONAL HONOR IS INVOLVED.
PROBABLY NOTHING SHORT OF SETTLEMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY ISSUE
WILL SATISFY THEM.

4. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT MANY OF OUR APPROACHES TO GOA IN
SEARCH OF ARGENTINE SUPPORT FOR USG POSITIONS ON KOREA,
PUERTO RICO, ETC., HAVE BEEN MET WITH AT LEAST SEMI-SERIOUS
PROPOSALS THAT USG IN RETURN SUPPORT ARGENTINA IN DISPUTE
WITH UK.

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